

**United States District Court  
Central District of California**

**\*\*AMENDED\*\***

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs.**

**Docket No.**

LA CR13-00704 JAK

**Defendant**

Sona Chukhyan

Sona Chukhian, Sona Melikian, Sona Melikyan, and  
akas: Sona Plavjian

**Social Security No.**

8 5 6 2

(Last 4 digits)

**JUDGMENT AND PROBATION/COMMITMENT ORDER**

In the presence of the attorney for the government, the defendant appeared in person on this date.

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
<b>09</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>2016</b>

**COUNSEL**

Jerome A. Kaplan, Retained

(Name of Counsel)

**PLEA**

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**GUILTY**, and the court being satisfied that there is a factual basis for the plea.

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**NOLO  
CONTENDERE**

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**NOT  
GUILTY**

**FINDING**

There being a finding/verdict of **GUILTY**, defendant has been convicted as charged of the offense(s) of:  
Wire Fraud pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1343 as charged in Count 2 of the Indictment.

**JUDGMENT  
AND PROB/  
COMM  
ORDER**

The Court asked whether there was any reason why judgment should not be pronounced. Because no sufficient cause to the contrary was shown, or appeared to the Court, the Court adjudged the defendant guilty as charged and convicted and ordered that:

Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the Court that the defendant, Sona Chukhyan, is hereby committed on Count 2 of the Indictment to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of **THIRTY (30) MONTHS**.

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of three (3) years under the following terms and conditions:

1. The defendant shall comply with the rules and regulations of the United States Probation Office, General Order 05-02, and General Order 01-05, including the three special conditions delineated in General Order 01-05.
2. During the period of community supervision, the defendant shall pay the special assessment and restitution in accordance with this judgment's orders pertaining to such payment.
3. The defendant shall not engage, as whole or partial owner, employee or otherwise, in any business involving loan programs, telemarketing activities, investment programs or any other business involving the solicitation of funds or cold-calls to customers without the express approval of the Probation Officer prior to engagement in such employment. Further, the defendant shall provide the Probation Officer with access to any and all business records, client lists and other records pertaining to the operation of any business owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by the defendant, as directed by the Probation Officer.
4. The defendant shall not seek or obtain employment or engage in any business related to the purchase or sale of real property, including the following jobs and/or places of business: real estate agent or brokerage; mortgage lending or finance; real estate appraisal; real estate escrow agent, office or officer; the sales of investments or the solicitation of investors; and financial advisory services.
5. The defendant shall apply monies received from income tax refunds, lottery winnings, inheritance, judgments, and any anticipated or unexpected financial gains to the outstanding Court-ordered financial obligation.
6. The defendant shall not obtain or possess any driver's license, Social Security number, birth certificate, passport or any other form of identification without the prior written approval of the Probation Officer; further, the defendant shall not use, for any purpose or in any manner, any name other than her true legal name.
7. The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from the defendant.

The drug testing condition mandated by statute is suspended based on the Court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse.

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It is further ordered that the defendant surrender herself to the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons on or before 12 noon, on **September 15, 2016**. In the absence of such designation, the defendant shall report on or before the same date and time to the Royal Federal Building, 255 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$100, which is due immediately. Any unpaid balance shall be due during the period of imprisonment, at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter, and pursuant to the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay restitution in the total amount of \$4,246,400.33 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663A.

The amount of restitution ordered shall be paid as set forth on the list attached to this Judgment. If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportional payment unless another priority order or percentage payment is specified in the judgment.

Restitution shall be due during the period of imprisonment, at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter, and pursuant to the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program. If any amount of the restitution remains unpaid after release from custody, nominal monthly payments of at least 10 percent of defendant's gross monthly income but not less than \$1,000, whichever is greater, shall be made during the period of supervised release and shall begin 30 days after the commencement of supervision. Nominal restitution payments are ordered as the Court finds that the defendant's economic circumstances do not allow for either immediate or future payment of the amount ordered.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f)(3)(A), interest on the restitution ordered is waived because the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest. Payments may be subject to penalties for default and delinquency pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

The defendant shall comply with General Order No. 01-05.

All fines are waived as it is found that the defendant does not have the ability to pay a fine in addition to restitution.

The defendant is advised of her right to appeal.

The Court grants the Government's request to dismiss all remaining counts.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

In addition to the special conditions of supervision imposed above, it is hereby ordered that the Standard Conditions of Probation and Supervised Release within this judgment be imposed. The Court may change the conditions of supervision, reduce or extend the period of supervision, and at any time during the supervision period or within the maximum period permitted by law, may issue a warrant and revoke supervision for a violation occurring during the supervision period.

September 2, 2016

Date



John A. Kronstadt, U. S. District Judge

It is ordered that the Clerk deliver a copy of this Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order to the U.S. Marshal or other qualified officer.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

September 2, 2016

Filed Date

By /s/

Connie Lee, Deputy Clerk

The defendant shall comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court (set forth below).

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE**

While the defendant is on probation or supervised release pursuant to this judgment:

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1. The defendant shall not commit another Federal, state or local crime;
2. the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the written permission of the court or probation officer;
3. the defendant shall report to the probation officer as directed by the court or probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
4. the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
5. the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
6. the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
7. the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least 10 days prior to any change in residence or employment;
8. the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
9. the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed or administered;
10. the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity, and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
11. the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the probation officer;
12. the defendant shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
13. the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court;
14. as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics, and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to conform the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement;
15. the defendant shall, upon release from any period of custody, report to the probation officer within 72 hours;
16. and, for felony cases only: not possess a firearm, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon.

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☐ The defendant will also comply with the following special conditions pursuant to General Order 01-05 (set forth below).

#### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS**

The defendant shall pay interest on a fine or restitution of more than \$2,500, unless the court waives interest or unless the fine or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day after the date of the judgment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(f)(1). Payments may be subject to penalties for default and delinquency pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(g). Interest and penalties pertaining to restitution, however, are not applicable for offenses completed prior to April 24, 1996.

If all or any portion of a fine or restitution ordered remains unpaid after the termination of supervision, the defendant shall pay the balance as directed by the United States Attorney's Office. 18 U.S.C. §3613.

The defendant shall notify the United States Attorney within thirty (30) days of any change in the defendant's mailing address or residence until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments are paid in full. 18 U.S.C. §3612(b)(1)(F).

The defendant shall notify the Court through the Probation Office, and notify the United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances that might affect the defendant's ability to pay a fine or restitution, as required by 18 U.S.C. §3664(k). The Court may also accept such notification from the government or the victim, and may, on its own motion or that of a party or the victim, adjust the manner of payment of a fine or restitution-pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3664(k). See also 18 U.S.C. §3572(d)(3) and for probation 18 U.S.C. §3563(a)(7).

Payments shall be applied in the following order:

1. Special assessments pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3013;
2. Restitution, in this sequence (pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all non-federal victims must be paid before the United States is paid):
  - Non-federal victims (individual and corporate),
  - Providers of compensation to non-federal victims,
  - The United States as victim;
3. Fine;
4. Community restitution, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3663(c); and
5. Other penalties and costs.

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE**

As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant shall provide to the Probation Officer: (1) a signed release authorizing credit report inquiries; (2) federal and state income tax returns or a signed release authorizing their disclosure; and (3) an accurate financial statement, with supporting documentation as to all assets, income and expenses of the defendant. In addition, the defendant shall not apply for any loan or open any line of credit without prior approval of the Probation Officer.

The defendant shall maintain one personal checking account. All of defendant's income, "monetary gains," or other pecuniary proceeds shall be deposited into this account, which shall be used for payment of all personal expenses. Records of all other bank accounts, including any business accounts, shall be disclosed to the Probation Officer upon request.

The defendant shall not transfer, sell, give away, or otherwise convey any asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500 without approval of the Probation Officer until all financial obligations imposed by the Court have been satisfied in full.

These conditions are in addition to any other conditions imposed by this judgment.

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I have executed the within Judgment and Commitment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant noted on appeal on \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant released on \_\_\_\_\_

Mandate issued on \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant's appeal determined on \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons, with a certified copy of the within Judgment and Commitment.

United States Marshal

By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Marshal

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby attest and certify this date that the foregoing document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, and in my legal custody.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

By \_\_\_\_\_

Filed Date \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

**FOR U.S. PROBATION OFFICE USE ONLY**

Upon a finding of violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the conditions of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions and have been provided a copy of them.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
U. S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE PARTY SERVICE LIST**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ Case Title \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Document \_\_\_\_\_

<u>ADR</u>
<u>BAP (Bankruptcy Appellate Panel)</u>
<u>BOP (Bureau of Prisons)</u>
<u>CA State Public Defender</u>
<u>CAAG (California Attorney General's Office - Keith H. Borjon, L.A. Death Penalty Coordinator)</u>
<u>Case Assignment Administrator</u>
<u>Chief Deputy – Administration</u>
<u>Chief Deputy – Case Processing</u>
<u>Chief Deputy – Judicial Services</u>
<u>CJA Supervising Attorney</u>
<u>Clerk of Court</u>
<u>Death Penalty H/C (Law Clerks)</u>
<u>Deputy-in-Charge Eastern Division</u>
<u>Deputy-in-Charge Southern Division</u>
<u>Federal Public Defender</u>
<u>Fiscal Section</u>
<u>Intake Section, Criminal LA</u>
<u>Intake Section, Criminal SA</u>
<u>Intake Supervisor, Civil</u>
<u>Managing Attorney, Legal Services Unit</u>
<u>MDL Panel</u>
<u>Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal</u>
<u>PIA Clerk - Los Angeles (PIALA)</u>
<u>PIA Clerk - Riverside (PIAED)</u>
<u>PIA Clerk - Santa Ana (PIASA)</u>
<u>PSA - Los Angeles (PSALA)</u>
<u>PSA - Riverside (PSAED)</u>
<u>PSA - Santa Ana (PSASA)</u>
<u>Statistics Clerk</u>

<u>US Attorney's Office - Civil Division -L.A.</u>
<u>US Attorney's Office - Civil Division - S.A.</u>
<u>US Attorney's Office - Criminal Division -L.A.</u>
<u>US Attorney's Office - Criminal Division -S.A.</u>
<u>US Bankruptcy Court</u>
<u>US Marshals Service - Los Angeles (USMLA)</u>
<u>US Marshals Service - Riverside (USMED)</u>
<u>US Marshals Service - Santa Ana (USMSA)</u>
<u>US Probation Office (USPO)</u>
<u>US Trustee's Office</u>
<u>Warden, San Quentin State Prison, CA</u>
<u>Warden, Central California Women's Facility</u>

**ADD NEW NOTICE PARTY (if sending by fax, mailing address must also be provided)**Name:Firm:Address (include suite or floor):\*E-mail:\*Fax No.:

\* For CIVIL cases only

**JUDGE / MAGISTRATE JUDGE (list below):**

Initials of Deputy Clerk \_\_\_\_\_